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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A shoe horn attachment for a
shoe, the attachment having:

readily detachable means for guiding the heel of a user's foot as the user inserts the foot into  $\underline{a}$  the shoe; and

at least one fastener for  $\underline{\text{readily detachably}}$  securing the attachment to the shoe.

- 2. (previously presented) An attachment as claimed in claim 1 and comprising a first side portion having an internal profile generally complementary to the external profile of one side of the heel of a human foot.
- 3. (previously presented) An attachment as claimed in claim 2 and comprising a second side portion spaced from the first side portion and having an internal profile generally complementary to the external profile of another side of the heel of a human foot.
- 4. (original) An attachment as claimed in claim 1 wherein the fastener comprises an adhesive.
- 5. (original) An attachment as claimed in claim 4 wherein the fastener comprises one or more self-adhesive strips.

- 6. (original) An attachment as claimed in claim 1 wherein the fastener comprises a member adapted to be crimped over the rim of a shoe.
- 7. (currently amended) A shoe horn attachment device comprising:

a contoured portion structured and arranged to surround a heel of a user's foot and comprising a back portion and left and right side portions;

- [[an]] a flexible resilient upper back portion extending obliquely from the back portion substantially outside of a rim of a shoe of a user when the attachment device is attached to the shoe of the user, said upper back portion being flexibly displacable to guide a heel of the user when a foot of the user is being inserted into the shoe; and
  - a fastening device on at least one of the back, left and right portions for <u>readily</u> detachably securing the attachment device to the shoe of the user.
  - 8. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 7, further comprising a base portion connected between the left and right portions, essentially parallel to a heel of the shoe of the user when the attachment device is attached to a shoe of the user.

- 9. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 7, further comprising an essentially inverted V-shaped retaining member fitting over the rim of the shoe of the user.
- 10. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a wing member extending laterally from the retaining member.
- 11. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the fastening device is double sided tape.
- 12. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the fastening device is adhesive.
- 13. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 7, further comprising a rearward projecting portion extending from said upper back portion.
- 14. (currently amended) A shoe horn attachment device comprising:

a contoured portion structured and arranged to surround a heel of a user comprising a back portion and left and right side portions;

a base portion between the left and right portions, essentially parallel to a heel of a shoe of the user when the device is attached to a shoe of the user; and

an upper back portion extending from the back portion substantially outside of a rim of the shoe of the user when the attachment is attached to the shoe of the user, <u>said upper back</u>

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portion being flexibly displacable to guide a heel of the user when a foot of the user is being inserted into the shoe,

said device being <u>readily</u> removable such that when a foot of a user is in the shoe, the device remains in place and when the foot of the user is removed from the shoe, the device is readily removable.

- 15. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a fastening device on at least one of the back, left and right portions for detachably securing the attachment to the shoe of the user.
- 16. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 15, further comprising a fastening device on the base portion.
- 17. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the fastening device is double sided tape.
- 18. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the fastening device is adhesive.